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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC) - PREPCOM

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STATE FOR MOREY (IO)

1. AMB FERGUSON RAISED WFC PREPCOM ISSUE WITH DE SEYNE (USYG).
DE SEYNE VIEW THAT HAVING ECOSOC ACT AS PREPCOM WOULD STRENGTHEN
AND GIVE FURTHER IMPETUS TO REVITALIZATION. FERGUSON STATED USG
AGREED ECOSOC REVITALIZATION, BUT SUCH SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY
EMPHASIZING SUPERVISORY FUNCTION OF ECOSOC AND NOT BY LEADING
COUNCIL WITH IMPLEMENTATION TASKS. HENCE, USG WOULD AGREE TO
FORMULA WHEREBY ECOSOC APPOINTED THE PREPCOM TO REPORT DIRECTLY
TO SYG/DG OR CONF SEC. DE SEYNE INDICATED HE COULD PERSONALLY
ACCEPT FORMULA IF THE ECOSOC APPOINTING POWER WERE LIMITED TO
MEMBERS OF ECOSOC. FERGUSON REPLIED HE UNINSTRUCTED ON PRECISE
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POINT OF SCOPE OF APPOINTING POWER AND WOULD SEEK ADVICE DEPT.

FOR HIS PART, DE SEYNE INDICATED HE WOULD SEEK REACTION OF SYG.

2. FERGUSON INQUIRED OF DE SEYNE HIS VIEWS AS TO NUMBER MEMBERS OF PREPCOM. HIS RESPONSE WAS 54 SINCE HE HAD BEEN OF OPINION ECONCOM OF ECOSOC SHOULD FILL ROLE. FERGUSON SUGGESTED AS PERSONAL OPINION 54 OUTRAGEOUS, WOULD NEVER WORK AND TURN OUT TO BE A MINI WFC ITSELF. FERGUSON SUGGESTED 27 APPROPRIATE NUMBER SINCE SOLID PRECEDENT IN PREPCOMS OF ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION DE SEYNE AGREED THAT FOLLOWING PRECEDENT COULD AVOID SOME MESSY PROBLEMS, E.G., REPRESENTATIVE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION, ETC.

3. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL DG SUGGESTS ECOSOC OR GA APPOINT PREPCOM BUT DG EXPRESSED NO OPINION RE SIZE.

4. AS CONSULTATIONS WILL CONTINUE WITH SELECTED DELS THIS ISSUE, WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS RE SCOPE OF ECOSOC APPOINTING POWER PARA 1 SUPRA. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE RE APPROPRIATE NUMBER AS FIGURE 27 NOW PUT AS MERELY PERSONAL VIEWS AMB FERGUSON. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED WE INTEND TO STRESS THAT PREPCOM MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO WFC AUTHORITY IN ORDER NOT TO GET LOCKED IN ECOSOC REPORTING CHAIN WHICH WOULD ONLY BUILD IN DELAY. VOLPE

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